

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT – DVS COMMISSIONER

The Commonwealth of Virginia seeks an exceptional Veteran leader to serve as the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS).

The DVS Commissioner is the Chief Executive Officer of a state government agency with 850 employees, a \$90 million operating budget, and more than 40 operating locations across the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Commissioner is appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation by the Virginia General Assembly. The Commissioner reports directly to the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs on behalf of the Governor.

Responsibilities include:

- Leading an agency with six service lines, providing education, employment, health, and memorial services to Virginia's 700,000+ veterans and their families;
- Directing agency human resources, finance, IT, communications, and legislative affairs;
- Interacting with state, federal, and local government officials; leaders in the business, veterans, and non-profit communities; members of the active duty military, Guard, and Reserve; veterans; family members; and citizens;
- Ensuring that DVS personnel have the training, resources and equipment to enable them to assist veterans and their families in filing claims for federal veterans benefits and to provide veterans and family members with linkages to services including behavioral healthcare, housing, employment, education, and other programs;
- Leading the operation of two existing long-term care facilities and the construction of two additional state veterans care facilities offering in-patient skilled nursing care, Alzheimer's and memory care, as well as short-term rehabilitation for veterans;
- Overseeing the operation of three state veterans cemeteries;
- Providing oversight to the Virginia War Memorial;
- Promoting and fostering an inclusive partnership with the Virginia Veterans Services Foundation; and
- Advocating tirelessly for Virginia's Veterans and their family members.

Qualifications:

- Must be a veteran who has received an honorable discharge from the Armed Forces of the United States;

- At least 5 years of executive level experience leading in a complex and diverse organization with demonstrated success implementing solutions that require a cross-agency/business unit approach;
- Demonstrated knowledge of business strategies, management skills and human resources;
- Strong commitment to understanding the issues and providing services to Virginia Veterans and their families;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills to include strong platform and presentation skills;
- Understanding of organizational change management, project management, and process improvement skills;
- Ability to balance strategic thinking with tactical implementation to achieve results; ability to prioritize and manage multiple complex initiatives and projects serving various audiences.

To Apply:

This position will be filled as a Governor appointment serving at will for a designated term of five years. Veterans who are interested in being considered, please send a cover letter, resume and professional references to: vada@governor.virginia.gov

Questions may be directed to the office of the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs at: 804-225-4317.

Screening for this position will begin Monday, August 26, 2019. The position will remain open until an appointment is made and announced by Governor Northam. Benefits offered to individuals in appointed positions include the following: 30 days of paid time off each year; parental leave; health care insurance; flexible spending accounts; group life insurance; retirement benefits through the Virginia Retirement System. Compensation will be commensurate with experience.

The Commonwealth of Virginia is an Equal Opportunity Employer : It is the policy of the Commonwealth of Virginia to prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, sex, color, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, veteran status, political affiliation, genetics, or disability in the recruitment, selection, and hiring of its workforce.